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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Yoshikazu SAKAMOTO, et al.**

Serial No.: **09/456,833**

Art Unit: **3713**

Filed: **December 7, 1999**

Examiner: **J. Hotaling**

For: **GAMING MACHINE**

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2002. Claims 1 - 34 are pending in this Application and have been finally rejected. In this amendment, Applicant has elected to amend the claims as suggested by the Examiner on June 24, 2002 in the communication received from the Examiner by the Application (copy attached). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendment.

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel claims 28 and 30.~~

~~Please amend claims 1, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 - 26, 29 and 31 as follows:~~